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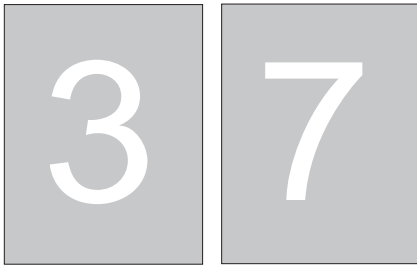


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Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Incirlik children practice soccer moves during a youth soccer camp last week. Incirlik needs volunteers for the upcoming soccer season. See related picture, Page 12.

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A gun truck from the 2632nd Air Expeditionary Force Transportation Company moves along the main supply route from Baghdad to Tikrit with a 67-vehicle convoy in tow. See related story, Page 6. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed.)

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One standard

Sexual assault prevention, response report released

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—The Air Force released a study that assessed the service's sexual assault prevention and response capabilities.

The 96-page document titled, Report Concerning the Assessment of USAF Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, was released Aug. 30. In February 2004, the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff requested an assessment of sexual assault prevention and response capabilities, including areas needing improvement. The Air Force performed a qualitative assessment that generated findings to inform senior leaders of potential program improvements.

Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, and Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel, supervised the assessment.

The assessment's findings and recommendations were briefed to Air Force senior leaders May 18 at CORONA Top. They approved a campaign plan to address the findings and to further develop the recommended solutions. Air Force three-star leaders met at a summit Aug. 16 to discuss proposed solutions.

"The most important thing we learned is that sexual assault is a very complex subject," General Brady said. "And it's a subject that we probably didn't understand very well. So this report helps us educate our commanders, our supervisors, our people and ourselves so that we know what we're dealing with, and we can attack the problem aggressively."

"We want to do something about it because it obviously affects the quality of life for our people; it affects our readiness; it affects our ability to conduct our mission," he said.

Twenty significant findings are listed in the report, as well as 14 recommendations. Findings and recommendations focused on six topic areas: sexual assault realities; policy and leadership; education and training; reporting; response; and air and space expeditionary forces and deployment. Each topic area except sexual assault realities contains a series of recommendations.

"We're already using what we have found," General Brady said.

"We did not wait until we got ready to publish the report," he said. "As soon as we started having consistent findings from across our Air Force, we put out guidance to our commanders, for example, to establish victim-support liaisons. We are using this report to educate our-

selves about the nature of this crime, about the environment we currently have in the Air Force and to build the programs we need to create the environment where we build greater trust. I think it will help us move toward eradicating a behavior that is totally unacceptable.

"We already have Air Education and Training Command building most of our education programs for this," the general said. "We're developing programs that begin with Airmen coming to Lackland, officers coming in to various accession forces, noncommissioned officer academies, commander's schools, etc. We want to have consistent messages, appropriate to the audience, across the ranks. And we are educating our leaders to deal with these problems wherever they're faced."

This assessment represents the culmination of an 18-month process. Although the learning process continues, the Air Force is comfortable drawing three overarching observations:

- ♦ The sexual assault problem is much more complex than it seemed initially.

- ♦ Sexual assault is a societal problem. Consequently, it is also an Air Force problem. There are no quick solutions to address sexual assault. It will require positive, ongoing efforts to foster and instill institutional change.

- ♦ Commanders and leaders at all levels are key to the process of institutional change. Recognizing and understanding the sexual assault problem is challenging. Air Force commanders have been working this issue on a case-by-case basis rather than attacking it as a cultural and societal issue. The Air Force must do a better job of defining and understanding the crime of sexual assault and the behavior that spawns it. Ultimately, the Air Force must work through its commanders to create an institutional environment that refuses to accept or facilitate such behavior.

"Airmen come into the Air Force because they want to be part of a winning team," the general said. "And to be a winning team every one of us — every man, every woman — has to be a full-up round. We cannot have a situation in which one Airman, for whatever reason, lives in fear of another. Winning teams do not operate that way. We're a team: men, women, civilians, military, officer, enlisted, guard, reserve and active. One team, one total force, one standard."

The complete Report Concerning the Assessment of USAF Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, is available at www.af.mil/library/posture/SA_Assessment_Report.pdf.

USAFE Services Project CHEER to give away 2005 Chevy Equinox SUV Sept. 18

HQ USAFE SERVICES—U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services Project CHEER and Exchange New Car Sales announce a celebration of the 57th birthday of the Air Force with a prize drawing for a new Chevrolet Equinox SUV. Exchange New Car Sales Chevrolet has contributed a 2005 Equinox SUV to be given

away Sept. 18 during the annual bazaar at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The drawing is open to everyone 18 years and older with a valid Department of Defense ID card. Entry forms are available at USAFE Services facilities and must be faxed or mailed to arrive at USAFE Services headquarters by Sept. 17.

Information about rules, eligibility, and participation is on the entry forms, and can also be viewed at www.usafesvsmarketing.org/ProjCHEER_AFBdayInfo.htm. People can get an entry form from any services staff for an entry form and fill one out today. (*No federal endorsement of sponsors intended*).

Officials: Use electronic voting from overseas as 'last resort'

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Some overseas servicemembers have another way to vote in the upcoming Nov. 2 elections, but they should use it as a last resort, a senior Defense Department official here said Sept. 1.

The alternative electronic voting method would apply only to servicemembers whose local voting laws allow it, said Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Servicemembers stationed overseas who want to vote in stateside elections should still use the traditional absentee paper ballots sent by mail, Mr. Abell said.

The electronic transmission service calls for servicemembers to first scan their marked paper ballot into a computer primary data file, Mr. Abell said. The file is attached to an e-mail message that is sent state-side to Pentagon contractors. The e-mailed ballot is printed out by the contractors and is then faxed to local voting officials for tallying.

Eligible servicemembers are asked to use the new system only as "a court of last resort," Mr. Abell said. Defense Department officials would prefer that overseas servicemembers mail their absentee ballots to local officials, he said.

But electronically submitted balloting remains an option for those who cannot mail in their paper ballots because they have been deployed or because their ballot is late catching up to them, Mr. Abell said.

Servicemembers who elect to send their votes in electronically will have to sign a waiver acknowledging that the secrecy of their ballot cannot be guaranteed. That is why paper ballots remain "the most secure, the most traditional means of getting their vote in (and) getting



it counted," Mr. Abell said.

If troops serving overseas do not receive a traditional paper absentee ballot from their stateside voting jurisdiction, Mr. Abell said another voting option is using a blank federal write-in ballot.

The message for Armed Forces Voting Week, slated for Sept. 3 to 11, is for servicemembers who have not yet requested their absentee ballots or requested to vote for this election to do so, Mr. Abell said. Overseas Voting Week, set for Oct. 11 to 15, reminds servicemembers that mailing their ballots in that week, or earlier, should help ensure that their votes get counted, he said.

Servicemembers serving either stateside or overseas with questions about how and when they should vote can contact their local voting assistance officer.

FEGLI open season runs through Sept. 30

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Federal employees will be able to enroll or make changes to their group life insurance as part of a special open season through Sept. 30. The event marks the 50th anniversary of the insurance program.

"We estimate 127,000 Air Force employees will be eligible to enroll or increase their life insurance," said Maria Molly, Air Force Personnel Center benefits and entitlements chief.

"The last time federal employees were allowed to make these kinds of changes was five years ago," Ms. Molly said. "Normally it would take a 'qualifying life event' or the employee getting a physical at their expense. This open season doesn't require a physical or answering any questions about one's health."

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance program consists of basic life insurance

coverage and three options including coverage for up to five times an employee's base salary plus coverage for family members. In most cases, a new employee is automatically covered by basic life insurance. The types and amounts of coverages available are not changing.

Newly elected coverage will take effect after Sept. 1, 2005. The reason for the delay is to prevent employees increasing coverage only when they know they need it, resulting in a high number of immediate claims, said officials at the personnel management office here. Such claims increase the program's costs.

"This is a great opportunity, but I urge everyone to do their homework and remember that the premiums increase with age," Ms. Molly said.

Information about the FEGLI program and the open season is online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm.

There is a calculator available to help compute premium cost at [\[tor/worksheet.asp\]\(http://tor/worksheet.asp\).](http://www.opm.gov/calcula-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Air Force-served civilian employees can make open season elections electronically via the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated Web or phone system. The Web-based system is located at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm. Employees in the United States can reach the automated phone system at (800) 616-3775. Overseas employees will first dial a direct-access number for the country they are calling from and then dial (800) 997-2378.

Hearing impaired employees may reach a benefits counselor by calling toll-free TDD (800) 382-0893, or if located in the San Antonio area, 565-2276. Benefits counselors are available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT.

The federal government established the FEGLI program Aug. 29, 1954. It is the largest group life insurance program in the world, covering more than 4 million federal employees and retirees, as well as many of their family members.

Hometown greetings team tapes holiday messages Sept. 13-15

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service Holiday Greetings team visits Incirlik Sept. 13 to 15 to tape holiday messages from base people for their hometown radio and TV stations.

The team will set up shop at the high school courtyard and tapings will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only.

The greetings team, based out of San Antonio, Texas, takes a whirlwind trip overseas each year to gather holiday messages from military people who will be away from home during the holidays.

"The holiday greetings program is more about the families left behind in the states than about the Airmen overseas," said Master Sgt. Larry Schneck, American Forces Network-Incirlik detachment commander. "The families back home enjoy seeing the messages on commercial TV stations every year. It brightens their holiday season."

Once produced, HN sends each 15- to 20-

second greeting to nearly every commercial TV and radio station within the broadcasting area of the person's hometown. Greetings can be made for more than one hometown; however, a separate greeting must be made for each location.

Master Sgt. Roberta Williams, 39th Air Base Wing career assistance adviser, recorded a greeting with her husband last year.

"My family was very excited and happy to see us on TV and hear us on radio," she said.

The program is open to military people and Department of Defense civilians and their families. Military members must wear the uniform of the day.

The crew has a script people can read or participants can add their own words and messages, but must include their rank, name, family members' names, location and hometown.

People who will PCS or be on leave in the United States during the holiday season are not eligible to participate.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Staff Sgt. Eugene Taylor, AFN-I radio NCO in charge, at 6-6491.



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Retirement

The 39th Air Base Wing commander hosts a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Toohey, 39th Air Base Wing command chief today at 4 p.m. in the club.

Housing meeting

The quarterly housing town hall meeting is Monday at 5 p.m. at the base theatre to address housing concerns. All occupants of family housing and dormitories are invited to attend. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Peters at 6-1777.

Road closure

There will be a partial road closure because of the Air Force birthday celebration on "D" Street between 5th Street and 7th Street from noon to midnight. For more information, call Giovanni Lepore or Nerissa Atkisson at 6-6206.

Power outage

There will be a base-wide power outage Sept. 19 from 7 a.m. to noon to perform annual maintenance to the base's electrical distribution system. For more information, call Jim Manesis, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron construction management supervisor, at 6-6570 or 6-8020.

CGOC

The company grade officer council is looking for an organization needing financial assistance to sponsor. If interested or for more information, call 2nd Lt. Jason Roberson at 6-1168.

'You made the grade'

You Made the Grade Program is for Department of Defense Dependent Schools students in grades six to 12 with a "B" average or higher. Students can take their grade reports to the cashiers cage in the main exchange to receive a coupon book and register for a U.S. Savings Bond. For more information, call Ann Yi at 0533-742-6020.

SAF policy change

The stray animal facility will only be open Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The facility is still accepting donations, but no longer holds animals. For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood at 6-6072.



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Back to school

Tech. Sgt. Frankie Moore, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 522, hands 9-year-old Ibrahim Mustapha a popsicle during the back to school celebration Saturday. Incirlik students went back to school Tuesday.



Courtesy photo

A Turkish contractor loads bottles of water in preparation for a convoy to deliver the needed resources to various locations in Iraq. This Incirlik contract has contributed more than \$50 million into the Turkish economy since it was finalized in June 2003.

Staying hydrated

Incirlik provides lifeline to troops downrange

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Part of the 39th Contracting Squadron's mission is to facilitate contracting support while providing immediate and continuing response to worldwide contingencies. Consistent with that mission, 39th CONS members maintain an Incirlik contract to provide a considerable amount of the water to troops downrange.

Every week approximately \$2.5 million, which equates to roughly 6 million 1.5-liter bottles, of water is transported via convoy to six locations in Iraq. From there, the water is transported to numerous other locations.

The execution of this contract from Incirlik helps further illustrate the strategic importance of Turkey's location.

"It makes sense to manage the contracts from Incirlik for two main reasons," said Master Sgt. Bradley Smith, 39th CONS contract administrator. "The first reason is Incirlik's strategic location to the area of responsibility. Once resources are collected, shipping time is significantly reduced when compared to fulfilling this mission from other locations."

"The second reason is that it is considerably more cost effective to deliver water from Turkey," he continued. "Some units in Iraq are also being serviced by Kuwait, but the overall cost is a lot cheaper from Turkey."

Water is delivered to Incirlik from various bottled water producing

plants throughout Turkey. Once received, it is inventoried, palletized and trucked to Iraq in support of coalition forces.

"This contract gives Incirlik a direct effect on the battle taking place in Iraq," said Staff Sgt. Eric Allum, 39th CONS contract specialist. "In providing this critical support to the Army, we are truly involved in a joint effort with our fellow military forces."

As part of executing this contract, 39th CONS employs hundreds of Turkish nationals who drive the water to the various locations in Iraq, a round-trip journey that can sometimes take seven days or

more. In addition to hundreds of jobs, this contract has contributed more than \$50 million to the Turkish economy.

Because Turkish drivers drive through areas of increased risk, the 39th CONS also addresses safety concerns.

Once near the Turkey-Iraq border, "vendors are required to travel as part of a U.S. directed convoy and any deviation from it is strongly discouraged," said

Sergeant Smith. "A U.S. directed convoy provides additional security as well as logistical and intelligence support."

Although Incirlik has fulfilled this contractual obligation since June 2003, it remains one of the behind-the-scenes missions that's impact has worldwide importance.

"Keeping the troops on the front line supplied with bottled water is critical," Sergeant Allum said. "With temperatures regularly climbing into the 100s in Iraq, the mission could not function without this vital commodity."

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Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Football season begins

Brian Shintaku hikes the ball to Dustin Zudell during MXS football practice at Arkadas Park Wednesday. Intramural football season kicks off Sept. 20.

Commander's Trophy up for grabs

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Each year one squadron within the wing usually earns the right to display the prestigious Commander's Trophy.

With the intramural football season ending the hunt for the trophy, one of four teams could be displaying the trophy within their squadron. Still in the running for the cup are CS, LRS, SFS and 738 AMS.

Last year the trophy wasn't presented because of Operation Safe Haven, an operation involving evacuating dependents, according to Dick Gooley, 39th Services Squadron fitness and sports director.

The program was established to enhance participation by intensifying friendly competition between squadrons, encouraging sup-

port of the sports program by commanders and acknowledging exceptionally talented athletes.

Two athletes recently recognized through the program were varsity softball players Chip Campbell and Sandy Zimiga. They made the All-Star team during the 2004 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Softball Championship.

Points are awarded to teams for entering and completing the season and those who rank in the top four places in regular season play. Completing the season is worth 100 points. Also, points are awarded in post-season play where teams finish in the top four.

The intramural football program ends the yearly program and softball season tips off the season. The current leader is CS with 842 points followed by LRS with 837; SFS, 798; and 728 AMS, 785.

Golf tournament — The Company Grade Officers council will host a four-person scramble golf tournament Sept. 17. Lunch will begin at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$20 per player. Green fees and cart are not included. Preregister by Tuesday. For more information, call Capt. Andrea Miller at 6-6840 or Capt. Tara Shamhart at 6-6908.

Soccer volunteers — Volunteers are needed for the upcoming soccer season. Open jambo-ree begins Sept. 18 for ages 5 to 18. Volunteer packets are accepted at the youth center. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.

Water aerobics — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Lap swim — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

Combat Hapkido — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Trotters and Striders Club — Keep a fitness center record of the miles walked or ran and qualify to win prizes. For more information, call 6-6086.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

101 Critical Days of Summer ends

The 101 Critical Days of Summer have come and gone, and your attention to safety has paid off – we’ve made it through the summer months without any serious mishaps. I encourage everyone to keep safety a top priority because it is a year-round concern. Changing seasons, upcoming winter driving conditions in many areas of the country, darkness falling earlier and school being back in session are just a few items people should keep in mind. Everyone, especially supervisors and managers, needs to continue strong interaction with their co-workers and encourage a safety mindset throughout the entire year. You’ve shown how well we can do – keep up the great work!

Security awareness

Recently some members of the military community have received suspicious e-mail messages directing the recipient to click on a link and enter credit card information in order to verify their account status. This is known as a “phishing” scam and both the original e-mail and the link are fraudulent. Some of these scams appear to target

holders of the government purchase card or the government travel card. The messages appear to come from a legitimate company and inform the recipient that their account may have been compromised. Report suspicious activity to the Federal Trade Commission. If you get spam that is phishing for information, forward it to spam@uce.gov. If you believe you have been scammed, file your complaint at www.ftc.gov, and then visit the FTC’s Identity Theft Web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft to learn how to minimize your risk of damage from ID theft. Visit www.ftc.gov/spam to learn other ways to avoid e-mail scams and deal with deceptive spam. Don’t get caught in a crook’s ‘phishing’ net!

Air Force birthday block party

Project CHEER is sponsoring a block party celebrating the Air Force’s 57th birthday featuring the Latin rock band “Neon Venus” Sept. 17 at the community center. The celebration kicks off at 6 p.m. with a variety of free food. American Forces Network - Incirlik will provide live feed during the event which includes squadron and group games and much more. Events include a pool tournament at the community center, prizes and tug-of-war. In addition to prizes for participants, someone in U.S. Air Forces in Europe will win a 2005 Chevy Equinox. All Department of Defense ID card holders 18 years of age and older are eligible to win the vehicle. To win the Chevy, registration forms must be received via fax or mail at U.S. Air Forces in Europe before 5 p.m. Sept. 17. For more information, call 6-6966.

Patriot Day

‘Paying tribute to those answering freedom’s call’

On the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the world will remember those tragically lost due to the heinous actions of terrorists in New York, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. These were attacks against freedom, democracy and humanity that carried a high human toll as citizens from the United States and many other countries lost their lives.

This Patriot Day, we honor the memories of those lost and we pay tribute to those answering freedom’s call to combat terrorism around the world.

Your efforts over the last three years have been phenomenal. You continue to professionally safeguard the skies of America. You have dispersed Al-Qaeda and toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan. And, you were instrumental in ending a cruel regime in Iraq and ensuring that a new, democratic government could take root.

Our superior Total Force of active duty, guard, reserve and civilian Airmen continue to

brilliantly answer America’s call to defend peace and freedom. Our country is confident in your capabilities and proud of your service.

Unfortunately, on this, the third Patriot Day, our mission is not complete. Those who indiscriminately killed more than 3,000 people on September 11, are still dedicated to terrorizing our nation and the world because we value life, believe in liberty and welcome democracy as the people’s voice.

Let’s remember those who are deployed in harm’s way to defend the American way of life. And, let’s ensure their families are taken care of while they’re away from home.

As Airmen, our cause is just and noble. Our country depends on us to stay the course.

Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you and may God bless America.

— **Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper**

Commander’s Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice their concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

The program should only be used after you’ve tried resolving the issue through your chain of command.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing action.line@incirlik.af.mil or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 6-6060.

Complaints will be edited to 300 words or less. Questions and responses may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

Olive oil

Question: I've heard that Turkey is one of the major olive oil producers in the world, but I haven't seen olive trees at Incirlik, Where does Turkish olive oil come from?

Answer: There are about 87 million olive trees in Turkey and Turkey is the fourth largest olive oil producer in the world.

Although the Aegean region of Turkey is the center of olive and olive oil production in the country, people can see olive trees throughout the Mediterranean coastal region, including Adana.

Olive seeds found during archeological digs in the eastern Mediterranean regions show that olive farming started in Anatolia and dates back to about 6,000 years. Antakya (Antioch) and Gaziantep are still important as olive oil production centers. Olive farming expanded eastward to Syria, Palestine first, then westward to Greece, Italy, Spain and the rest of the Mediterranean basin, including the northern shores of Africa.

In fact, 99 percent of olive oil production of the world is obtained from the Mediterranean basin today. Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey are the leading olive oil producers in the world.

Turkey's first and only olive museum opened two years ago in the Adatepe village of Canakkale, north of Izmir. Olive oil culture is so deeply rooted that it is mentioned in almost all sacred books. That's why olive oil is called the elixir of gods.

An abandoned antique soap factory was redesigned and turned into an olive oil museum which exhibits various tools collected from the surrounding villages used in making olive oil in ancient times. People can watch the traditional olive oil production.

Organically grown olives are handpicked and brought to the museum's mill. The olives are crushed with granite stone mills and start to release their first golden drops, which are called *sizma* in Turkish and were believed to be the elixir of gods.

The second step is to place the olive mash onto mats and extract through hydraulic press. No heat, even hot water, should be involved in the process. The olive oil, together with the black water is taken into de-

cantation pools where the olive oil is decanted naturally using gravity.

Then the olive oil is kept in earthenware jars and stored in cool rooms away from sunlight to avoid possible deterioration.

Contrary to common misconception, green and black olives are produced on the same tree. All olives start green and the bigger, more succulent ones can be hand-picked for green table olives. The harvest is done in the September through October timeframe. Those that are not picked at this stage will turn black or deep red.

The olive tree lives to a remarkable old age, occasionally more than 2,000 years, according to the growth rings of certain venerable specimens.

One reason for the huge number of olive trees, not only in Turkey, but in Spain, Italy and Greece, is that the tree will grow almost anywhere, given the sufficient warmth in the summer, some rain in the spring and not too severe winter frosts. It can cling to steep slopes and can survive summer droughts.

Fruit and vegetables

Question: Mehmet, I frequently go to the "Sunday Market" set up in the village. The stuff I purchase is always fresh and quite tasteful. I also noticed you have plenty of fruits and vegetables this season. I do not know the name of the items I want to buy. Will you give us a list of fruit and vegetables in Turkish?

Response: The majority of Turkish people purchase fruits and vegetables from markets set up on certain days of the week. You mentioned the plentifulness and taste of the fruits and vegetables at the market. How about the prices? They are inexpensive as well.

Fruits and vegetables taste so good here because they are grown in lots of sunshine. The soil in and around Adana is so fertile you can grow almost every fruit and vegetable. Since they grow locally, they reach consumers very fresh and transportation cost does not add to the price.

Here is a list of the most common fruits and vegetables:

vegetable – *Sebze (sab-zah)*
pea – *bezelye (beh-zell-yeah)*
cabbage – *lahana (lah-hah-nah)*
spinach – *ispanak (ihs-pah-knock)*
carrot – *havuc (hah-wuch)*
tomato – *domates (doh-mah-tess)*
potato – *papates (pah-tah-tess)*
cucumber – *salatalik (sah-lah-tah-like)*
corn – *misir (mis-ihir)*
pepper – *biber (be-behr)*
red pepper – *kirmizi biber (kihr-mih-ze be-behr)*



Courtesy photo

Turkey's 87 million olive trees make the country the fourth largest olive oil producer in the world. Olives' golden drops were thought to be the real elixir of the gods.

green pepper – *yesil biber (yeh-sheel be-behr)*

radish – *turp (tuhrp)*

egg plant – *patlican (pot-le-john)*

okra – *bamya (bahm-yah)*

mushroom – *mantar (mahn-tar)*

onion – *sogan (so-o-aahn)*

garlic – *sarimsak (sah-rihm-suck)*

lettuce – *marul (mah-rule)*

fruit – *meyve (may-veh)*

apple – *elma (el-mah)*

pear – *armut (are-mut)*

orange – *portakal (pohr-tah-kahl)*

cherry – *kiraz (ke-razh)*

banana – *muz (mooze)*

peach – *seftali (shef-tah-lee)*

grapes – *uzum (ue-zuem)*

plum – *erik (eric)*

watermelon – *karpuz (kahr-pooz)*

grapefruit – *greyfurt (gray-fuhrt)*

strawberry – *cilek (chee-lack)*

Turkish schools open Monday

Elementary and high school students in Turkey go back to school Monday. More than 1.5 million students will be in the streets. About 200,000 young children will start elementary school this year. Naturally, traffic in the cities will be quite busy, especially in the mornings and evenings. Drivers should pay extra attention for children.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE



Monday

Turkish culture and language class — The family support center is offering a Turkish culture and language class free from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the FSC. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Sponsorship training — The family support center offers a sponsorship training class from 9 to 10 a.m. at the FSC. The class is designed to help educate the sponsor on needs of inbound personnel and their families. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Wednesday

Girl Scouts — The Girl Scouts are hosting an open house and registration from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout hut, Building 999. For more information, call April Rogers at 6-5748.

Thursday

International Spouses Group — The family support center is offering an open forum for people in a relationship with a non-American to share experiences and common issues from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information call the family support center at 6-6755.

Upcoming

IAHS PTSC nominations — Incirlik American High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club board members are being accepted through Sept. 17. Elections are scheduled for Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the high school media center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. John Herkel at 6-6439.

Ongoing

Back to school kit — The base library is offering free back to

school packages for grades kindergarten through 12. In addition, the library has hundreds of new children's books, and entertainment and education DVDs available for checking out. For more information, call 6-6759.

Youth Employment Skills — The youth employment skills, or Yes, is an on-base youth volunteer program funded by the Air Force Aid Society. The program gives high school aged dependents an opportunity to learn valuable work skills. Participating students earn credits at a rate of \$4 per hour which go toward a post-secondary education. Participants can earn up to 250 hours, totaling \$1,000 over four years of combined high school. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670.

Have an IDEA? — The IDEA Program is a great way to make improvements to the way you do business. For every idea you submit, you stand the chance of earning a monetary award. Submit your IDEAs through the online Web site Idea Program Data System at <https://ideas.randolph.af.mil/ipdswarn.html>. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Warren Singleton at 6-8402 or Martha Valdez at 6-3491.

Club membership drive — Sign up for an Incirlik Club membership through Nov. 30. Both existing and new club members can win prizes during the drive. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

Latin Dance Committee — The community center seeks Latin Dance Committee members in preparation of Hispanic Heritage Month. For more information, call Nerissa Atkinson at 6-1032.

Conversational Turkish — The community center sponsors a conversational Turkish class Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information,

call the CAC at 6-6966.

Summer Sunday breakfast — A la carte breakfast will be served at the club instead of brunch during the summer months from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

SAF policy change — The stray animal facility will only be

open Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. The facility is still accepting donations, but no longer holds animals. For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Caroline Wood at 6-6072.

Guitar classes — Guitar classes are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Dee Mills at 6-6966.

COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



Upcoming

Air Force birthday block party — Project CHEER is sponsoring a block party celebrating the Air Force's 57th birthday featuring the Latin rock band "Neon Venus" Sept. 17 at the community center. The celebration kicks off at 6 p.m. with a variety of free food. American Forces Network - Incirlik will provide live feed during the event which includes squadron and group games and much more. Events include a pool tournament at the community center, prizes and tug-of-war. In addition to prizes for participants, someone in U.S. Air Forces in Europe will win a 2005 Chevy Equinox. All Department of Defense ID card holders 18 years of age and older are eligible to win the vehicle. To win the Chevy, registration forms must be received via fax or mail at U.S. Air Forces in Europe before 5 p.m. Sept. 17. For more information, call 6-6966.



Ongoing

Religious channels move — The two Combat Touch religious channels have moved to channel 15 and 16. The protestant channel is on channel 15 and Eternal Word Television Network Catholic programming is on channel 16. To retune non-cable-ready TVs select "cable" instead of "air." For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Newcomer's in-processing — The family support center sponsors Part One of the newcomer's briefing Tuesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and part two is Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon at . For more information, call 6-6755.

Daily Mass on hold — Catholic Daily Mass, which is normally held at the chapel Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room, are cancelled through Sept. 23. For more information about Daily Mass, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Mike Watson
39th Maintenance Squadron
Munitions Flight

Time in service: Eight years
Time on station: 21 Months
Hometown: Princeton, West Virginia
Hobbies: Weightlifting and Martial Arts
How do you contribute to the air base

wing's mission? I provide munitions support for the wing's training and contingency taskings.

Why did you join the Air Force? Pure and simple ... it is my patriotic duty.

What do you like most about Incirlik?
The weather, the people and the proximity to the Mediterranean Beaches

Famous Quote: "No matter the problem ... walk on!" There is always a solution to the problem no matter how complex.

Supervisor's quote: "Staff Sgt. Watson is a pillar of excellence in the work center," said Master Sgt. Richard Velasquez, 39th MXS Munitions Flight storage element chief. "He is a solid mentor and a by-the-book technician. Mike demands the best from subordinates and there is not an issue he cannot tackle. I'm proud to serve with him."

YOUR TURN

To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

As the anniversary of Sept. 11 approaches, what advice would you give to troops still fighting the global war on terrorism downrange?

"Keep the faith."
— **Ronald Coleman,**
Lockheed Martin



CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: 1991 Toyota Cynos, two doors, Japanese specs, clean, runs great, \$1,300 OBO. For more information, call Donnie at 6-9179 or 6-5315

For sale: Two girls' bikes make offer; bunk beds in excellent condition \$100 OBO. For more information, call 6-5407.

Free to a good home due to TDY & PCS: A

2-year-old male kitten. He is a de-clawed, short hair cat. Sweet, gentle personality. Has shots/AVID chip current. Comes with kennel, food, litter box and toys. For more information, call Liz at 6-1990 (work) or 6-5916 (home).

Free to a good home: A 4-month-old male kitten. He has all shots, an AVID current chip and is neutered. For more information, call 6-5314.

For sale: Diamond engagement and wedding set from Fred Meyer jewelers, 14 kt., gold, 1 kt. tw., never worn, \$1,700. For more information, call Amber at 6-2933 or 0535-300-2903.

"Be vigilant, stay safe and remember OPSEC (operational security)."

— **Senior Airman Shannon Grice,**
39th Operations Squadron



"They're fighting a very worthy cause and are changing the world with their contributions."

— **Master Sgt. Darwin Basaca,**
728th Air Mobility Squadron



"Hang in there. Hopefully it will all soon be over."

— **Cathy Thompso,**
visiting family member



"Keep your spirits up and remember what you're fighting for. We are all supporting you."

— **2nd Lt. Rebekah Greenwood,**
39th Communications Squadron



The above key is the solution for the crossword puzzle published in the Sept. 3 edition of the *Tip of the Sword*. For more information, e-mail the *Tip of the Sword* staff at tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil.





Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Having a ball

Ken Moorner, 14, kicks the ball away from his goal during a youth soccer camp that ran until Sept. 3. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming soccer season. Open jamboree begins Sept. 18 for ages 5 to 18. Volunteer packets are accepted at the youth center. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.



AT THE MOVIES

At the Oasis

Today

White Chicks (PG-13) — Starring Shawn Wayans and Marlon Wayans. Two FBI agents try to get back into their boss' good graces by taking on a job guarding the Wilton sisters, two New York City hotel heiresses, from a serial kidnapper. They fail, and the two women are abducted. The agents then go undercover, dressing up as the titular "white chicks" to solve the crime and rescue the victims. Showing at 7 p.m. (105 minutes)



I, ROBOT (PG-13) — Starring Will Smith and Bridgit Moynahan. In the year 2035, ro-

bots are an everyday item and have become more and more advanced. Each one is preprogrammed to always obey humans and to, under no circumstances, ever harm a human. Everyone trusts them, except Del Spooner. Del is a slightly paranoid detective investigating what he alone believes is a crime perpetrated by a robot. The case leads him to discover a far more frightening threat to the human race. Showing at 9 p.m. (115 minutes)



Saturday

White Chicks (PG-13) — Starring Shawn Wayans and Marlon Wayans. Showing at 7 p.m. (105 minutes)

I, ROBOT (PG-13) — Starring Will Smith and Bridgit Moynahan. Showing at 9 p.m. (115 minutes)

Sunday

The Notebook (PG-13) — Starring James Garner and Gena Rowlands. A man reads a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II,

then passionately reunited seven years later, after they have taken different paths. Though her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared. Showing at 7 p.m. (121 minutes)



Thursday

I, ROBOT (PG-13) — Starring Will Smith and Bridgit Moynahan. Showing at 7 p.m. (115 minutes)

At the M1

My Boss's Daughter (PG-13) — 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (102 minutes)

Catwoman (PG-13) — 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (104 minutes)

Terminal (PG-13) — 11 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (128 minutes)

Hellboy (PG-13) — 11:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (122 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.

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